- Decision to release up to 4 lakh tonnes of wheat under Open Market Sale Scheme in February and March, 2007.
- Ban on export of wheat from February 9, 2007.
- Reduction in customs duty on import of pulses to zero on June 8, 2006.
- Ban on export of pulses with effect from June 22, 2006.
- NAFED importing 49,300 tonnes of pulses. Under a new contract executed by NAFED in December, 2006 to import 30,000 tonnes of pulses, 10,675 tonnes had been shipped by February 13, 2007.
- To contain volatility in the futures prices of wheat, sugar and pulses, Forward Markets Commission (FMC) has imposed limits on open position, reduced limits on daily fluctuations and imposed additional/special margins.
- Ban on futures trading in tur and urad from January 24,2007.
- Reduction in import duty on palm group of oils by 10 percentage points in August, 2006 and by a further 10-12.5 percentage points in January, 2007. Maintaining tariff value for assessing import duty unchanged at July, 2006 level.
- Ban on export of skimmed milk powder.
- Steps were taken by Reserve Bank of India to reduce liquidity in the system by increasing the cash reserve ratio and repo rates.

Price of LPG

†*40. DR.MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a proposal is being worked out to fix dual prices of LPG by Government in the country;

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(b) if so, the details in this regard and the detailed outline of this proposal;

(c) whether before considering the proposal for increasing the consumer sale price of LPG, Government have considered to fix the refinery sale price of LPG on the basis of production cost; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI MURLI DEORA): (a) At present there is no such proposal under consideration of the Government.

(b) to (d) Do not arise in view of (a) above.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Expansion of Am ritsar airport

†131. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that it is being contemplated to expand Amritsar airport with new technology;

(b). if so, the details thereof;

(c) by when this work would be completed; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The newly constructed Terminal Building is being expanded on both the sides on modular basis with modern steel and glass structure and centralized air-conditioning. The area of Terminal Building is being increased by 22000 sqm. with aerolinks and four aerobridges. CAT-II landing system is being installed. Parallel taxi tracks, two 'in-contract' parking bays and 4 additional remote parking bays are being added. A big capacity visitors'-lounge and some modern amenities for the visitors on the city side are being provided. Car parking area is also being substantially augmented.

(c) and (d) The project is expected to be completed by December, 2007.

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